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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RHODESIAN PROPOSAL

1. I NOW HAVE FROM UK HIGH COMMISSION COMPLETE TEXT OWEN'S
PROPOSED SEPARATE PUBLIC STATEMENT. I ALSO RECALL DURING HURRIED
PRE-DEPARTURE CONSULTATIONS ON AIRPLANE AT DAR ES SALAAM OWEN'S
SUGGESTING DESIRABILITY "SOMETHING" FROM US, PERHAPS LETTER
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER FOR NYERERE, TO ENHANCE CHANCES NYERERE'S
SUPPORT OF THURSDAY PUBLICATION PROPOSALS AND OWEN'S SEPARATE
STATEMENT ON LAW AND ORDER.

2. I HAVE LOOKED AT OWEN'S PROPOSED STATEMENT AGAINST BACK-
GROUND NYERERE'S "ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS" ON IMPORTANCE NOT LOSING
AGREED POSITION OF PREDOMINANCE FOR LIBERATION FORCES BY
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APPEARING TREAT THEM AND SMITH'S ARMY AS CO-EQUALS (DAR ES
SALAAM 3537). I AM INCLINED BELIEVE "BASED ON LIBERATION
FORCES" AND "INCLUDE ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS OF RHODESIAN DEFENSE
FORCES" LANGUAGE ADDED AT DAR ES SALAAM SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
CERTAINLY, THIS DOES NOT MAKE TWO FORCES CO-EQUALS.

3. MOST LIKELY OTHER WORDING IN STATEMENT TO BE CONSTRUED

AS NEGATING OR UNDERMINING ABOVE IS MATERIAL ON (A) RESIDENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTING NEW OFFICERS TO KEY POSTS IN RHODESIAN FORCES; (B) RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, IF HE NEEDS MORE THAN UN FORCE, CALLING UPON "SUCH FORCES" AS HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY; AND (C) HIS RETAINING "THE RIGHT TO CALL ON ANY OF THE FORCES UNDER HIS COMMAND IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY", ETC. THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS GIVING THE TWO FORCES SOMETHING LIKE EQUALITY DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD -- THOUGH EVEN HERE THERE IS NO TALK ABOUT INTERFERING WITH LEADERSHIP OF LIBERATION FORCES IN ANY WAY.

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, I AM INCLINED BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE AND TAKE OUR CHANCES ON STATEMENT AS IT STANDS. LIKEWISE, I DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN TRYING ADVANCE CLEARANCE WITH NYERERE. HE WOULD JUST TRY TO NEGOTIATE SOMETHING MORE.

5. ON QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL LAST-MINUTE US PUSH FOR SUPPORT FROM NYERERE, LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER MIGHT BE HELPFUL. (IT IS CLEAR NYERERE REALLY DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE TO REFUSE TO GO ALONG WITH US ON THIS ONE.) IF WE MAKE SUCH A UNILATERAL SUPPORTING MOVE, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE PRINCIPLE RATHER THAN MODALITIES AND SHOULD AVOID MAKING A SPECIFIC PITCH THAT PROPOSALS PLUS OWEN STATEMENT ARE COMPLETE AND FINAL REPRESENTATION OF ALL THAT WE STAND FOR AND ARE TRYING TO DO. IN SUM, WE SHOULDN'T PUT IT TO
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NYERERE AS AN "ALL OR NOTHING" PROPOSITION.
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